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1. PARA 4 REF A RAISES QUESTION OF USG ATTITUDE TOWARD ENHANCED RECOGNITION OF "PRG" BY OTHER COUNTRIES (AS DISTINGUISHED FROM ADMITTANCE TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES). IN LOOKING BACK OVER RELEVANT CIRCULAR INSTRUCTIONS, MOST RECENT WE CAN FIND INDICATING POSTS SHOULD COUNTER EFFORTS AT UPGRADING BILATERAL RELATIONS IS REF B, DATED MAY 30, 1974, WHICH EXPLAINS WHY FRENCH UPGRADING OF "PRG" OFFICE THERE TO "PERMANENT MISSION" SHOULD NOT SERVE AS A PRECEDENT FOR OTHER COUNTRIES. REF C, DATED AUGUST 6, WAS USEFUL SURVEY OF POSSIBLE TARGETS FOR DRV/"PRG" DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE BUT DID NOT INDICATE CLEARLY THAT AMERICAN EMBASSIES SHOULD TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE TO THWART "PRG" EFFORTS AT RECOGNITION, AND TO SOME EXTENT IMPLIED THE CONTRARY. THUS, WHILE THOSE OF US FOLLOWING VIETNAMESE CLOSELY ASSUME MISSIONS ABROAD WILL BE ACTIVE IN REPORTING AND THWARTING "PRG" EFFORTS, MISSIONS MORE DISTANT FROM SUCH MATTERS MAY NOT HAVE SAME VIEW.

2. THEREFORE SUGGEST DEPARTMENT SEND OUT A CIRCULAR ON THIS
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SUBJECT. IT COULD MENTION SOME RECENT "PRG" EFFORTS TO GAIN

GREATER STATUS, SUCH AS IN SCANDINAVIA AND SOME WE COUNTRIES. INSTRUCTION SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT WE OPPOSE NOT ONLY FULL RECOGNITION OF "PRG", BUT ALSO ANY INTERMEDIATE STATUS SUCH AS INFORMATION OFFICES, AND THAT WE ALSO ARE INTERESTED IN BLOCKING SUCH ACTIVITIES AS VISITS BY "PRG" REPRESENTATIVES AND ANTI-GVN MEETINGS WHEN WE CAN FIND APPROPRIATE MEANS TO DO SO. WE THINK INSTRUCTION SHOULD ASK MISSIONS TO BE ALERT TO AND TO REPORT COMMUNIST AND RADICAL NON-ALIGNED EFFORTS TO FORWARD INTERESTS OF "PRG", IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING STANDARD ARGUMENTATION AGAINST ENHANCEMENT OF STATUS OF "PRG" THAT POSTS CAN USE WHEN APPROPRIATE.

3. EMBASSY THE HAGUE'S EFFORTS ON THIS AND OTHER OCCASIONS ARE MUCH APPRECIATED.
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